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City of Sugar City

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MARCH 2017

Calendar:

March 2nd - 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning

March 9th - 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting

March 9th - 6:30 p.m. Farmer Merchant Community Banquet at Madison High School Gymnasium **Glenn Dalling Lifetime Achievement Award**

March 12th - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

March 16th - 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning **Public Hearing**

March 20th - First day of Spring

March 23rd - 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



****PUBLIC HEARING**** There will be a public hearing March 16th @ 7 p.m. on a proposed zone change for part of the Sugar Market Property.

Overnight Parking: Beginning March 1st, our snow ordinance is no longer in affect. We have appreciated your cooperation in not parking on the streets this winter.

Spring Cleanup: *The city has set a tentative date of May 8th to start spring cleanup.* Please wait for city wide clean-up to put out garbage to help prevent the wind from blowing garbage around our city. To help those of you that would like to start your yard clean-up early, the dumpster on the west side of town just north of the old elevator is now available for use. **Reminder: Household garbage is not allowed at the dumpster.**

BUSINESS LICENSE REMINDER **BUSINESS LICENSES EXPIRED DECEMBER 31st. PLEASE COME INTO CITY HALL TO RENEW THEM. CALL OUR OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 356-7561. THANK YOU!!**

Dog Licenses: Please come into City Hall to get your dog registered if you haven't already done so. Cost is \$12.00 per animal.

REVERSE 911 SYSTEM: We would like to encourage all citizens to sign up for Reverse 911. Go to madisonsheriff.com under Alert Sense and it will take you to the page to subscribe for emergency notifications.

GO PAPERLESS WITH E-BILLING! Go to www.paymentservicenetwork.com and under FIRST TIME USER-Start your payment, search for payment acct. - Business Name: Sugar City, search, put in your acct. #, first and last name and search. You may then opt out of paper bills. You may also pay here, view bills and history. To see the newsletter when you view your bill online, allow pop-ups to appear by going to the upper right hand corner of your internet browser (3 dots under X) to customize your internet settings. In Google go to settings - show advanced settings - privacy - content settings - pop-ups -manage exceptions - put in website address - allow - done. For questions - call City Hall for help.

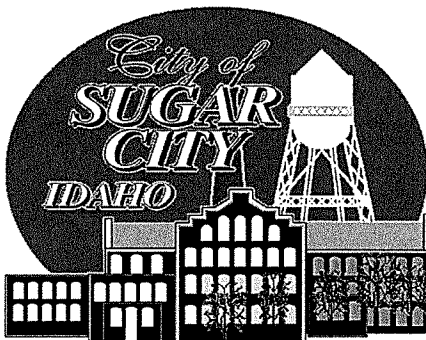


May joy and peace surround you,
contentment latch your door,
and happiness be with you now
and bless you ever more!



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February 24, 2017

Dear City Residents,

Starting in March we will begin a series of four town hall meetings, to be held in March, May, July, and September, to discuss with you the need for a new well and storage tank. A water study is being completed to help us determine where the city stands as to its current and future needs.

Based on the water study and on our experience over this last year it has become apparent that we are quickly reaching the capacity of our current system. This last summer for the first time, our existing tank drained almost completely dry four separate times. This happened during our peak times in the summer months, which is when the city uses the same water you do to water our parks.

We have instigated some changes in the use of the wells, to maintain the tank levels better, however, the study indicates that we are still below where we should be to meet fire flow requirements. The study has indicated that the capacity in our lines is insufficient to meet what is required for our some of our buildings, including the school buildings.

Therefore, we are moving quickly to obtain approval for a new well and tank to not only meet the current needs of the city, but also prepare for the growth that we are already experiencing. This will require the passage of a bond to pay for this project. I encourage all of you to come to these meetings, and let's discuss how this may impact you.

Sincerely,

David D. Ogden, Mayor

Public Information Meeting Schedule

March	3 rd Wednesday (3/15)
May	3 rd Wednesday (5/17)
July	2 nd Wednesday (7/12)
September	3 rd Wednesday (9/20)

****See City Hall Website for exact times**

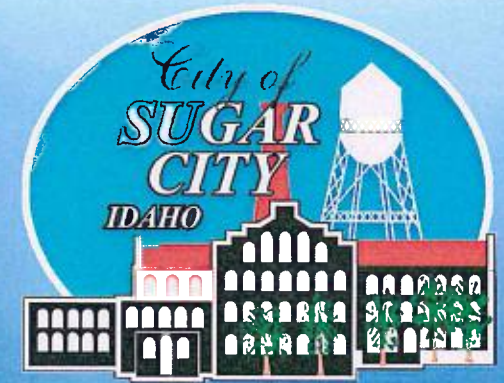
Bond Election anticipated in November during regular general election.

Please make the effort to become informed by attending the upcoming Public Information Meetings. We look forward to seeing you on March 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sugar City Hall.

*Mayor David D. Ogden
&
Sugar City Council*



A copy of the Water Facilities Planning Study is available for viewing at City Hall.



Proposed Sugar City Water System Improvements

Look Inside for Information on Planned Improvements to Our Water System



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About the Improvements

Improvements are needed for our water system. The following discusses why they are needed, what the proposed improvements are, and the resulting benefits and costs.

City staff regularly evaluate system components (pumps, pipes, tank, etc.) to determine if the water system needs improvements. In the most recent evaluation, it was determined that some system components are inadequate including:

- **Water Storage Volume** – Insufficient to meet current demand and fire flow
- **Well Production and Pumping Capacity** – Insufficient to meet state requirements for current system demand or fire flow
- **Distribution Line** – An inaccessible water main beneath the Kershaw School needs to be relocated
- **Inefficient Meter Reading** – Some city meters aren't easily located or read, which reduces operations efficiency and increases cost.

The evaluation also identified a need to reduce city dependence on groundwater (water pumped from wells). Because groundwater volume has been decreasing for decades, there is growing pressure on cities to decrease their use of groundwater. The Sugar City system is deficient because it uses only well water (groundwater) to meet system demand.

- **Well Water Dependence** – Continued reliance only on well water may result in state imposed limits on when and how much water the city can use.

Proposed Improvements

The following are proposed to address deficiencies and maintain an efficient, compliant water system for Sugar City

- **Water Storage Volume**– Construct a new ~1 million gallon storage tank



- **Well Production and Pumping Capacity**– Drill a new 1500 gpm well with 2000 gpm booster pumping capacity at the well



- **Distribution Line** – Abandon the water main under the Kershaw Intermediate School and provide a serviceable replacement water main
- **Radio Read Meter Upgrades** – Add radio read units at non-radio read meters to dramatically improve meter reading efficiency.
- **Well Water Dependence** – Collaborate with the Sugar Salem School District to irrigate district properties and city parks using surface water (water from canals) to reduce groundwater (well water) use.

Benefits & Costs

Benefits

- Provides required storage, well production and pump capacity to meet state requirements for water supply systems and maintain adequate pressure for residents
- Provides required storage and pump capacity to meet state requirements for fire flows
- Provides a serviceable distribution line that city staff can access and maintain
- Reduces the city's vulnerability to state imposed water use limits by using both well water and canal water to meet system demand
- Reduces operation cost by increasing efficiency of meter reading

Costs

- Estimated approximate project cost \$4.2 million

Funding Sources

- Subsidized municipal funding (Low-interest loan)
- Possible grant funding
- Potential user rate increase